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REMARKS

Entry of this Supplemental Amendment to claim 1 prior to consideration of the claims entered by the Request for Continued Examination filed on February 15, 2005 is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claim 1 defines at least a portion of the connector housing which receives the end of the endform and the contact member having a one-piece structure. It is respectfully submitted that such a one-piece housing construction is lacking in the cited reference.

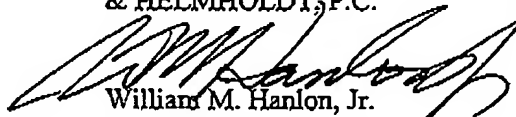
Further, although the connector housing is defined in claim 1 as having at least a one piece portion, and Applicants' specification and drawing show the entire connector housing, including the end portion which receives the retainer, as being a unitary, one-piece body, Applicants' invention also encompasses at least a two-part housing as shown in US Patent No. 6,757,950 wherein the connector housing includes first and second portions, wherein the second portion which carries the retainer is rotatably connected to a first portion which receives the tip end of the endform.

Since the cited reference is devoid of any teaching of the features of claim 1, as presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in claims 1, 4, 10, 11, and 13 patentably defines over the cited reference and is not anticipated thereby.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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